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Please amend the text on page 1, lines 7-14 as shown below.

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/827,806, filed April 6, 2001, entitled “Electromechanical Actuators,” now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/174,981 filed October 19, 1998, entitled “Piezoelectric Actuators and Methods of Making Same,” now U.S. Patent Number 6,231,779, which is incorporated herein by reference.

United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/174,981 also claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/085,109, filed May 12, 1998 and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/062,531, filed October 20, 1997.

~~This application United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/827,806 also claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part application of United States Patent Application Serial Number 60/195,835 filed April 11, 2000, entitled “Electromechanical Actuators and Methods of Making Same,” incorporated herein by reference, and United States Patent Application Serial Number 60/222,278 60/221,278, filed July 27, 2000, entitled “Barium and Zirconium Co-Doped Sodium Bismuth Titanate,,” both of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~

Please amend the text on page 16, lines 23-27 as shown below.

In another preferred embodiment, textured or oriented polycrystals are provided. The individual crystallites appear as faceted crystals with certain crystal planes exposed. The oriented polycrystals are oriented by alignment of a facet of the crystallite with a surface or edge of a substrate. Oriented polycrystallites are obtained as described hereinbelow. Examples of polycrystalline materials include materials having the form of rods, fibers, ribbons, or sheets.